

REMARKS

Claims 7-10 and 14-16 are pending in this application.

Claims 7-10 and 14-16 are rejected.

The final office action dated 1 April 2009 indicates that claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, because the term “low” is indefinite. This rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment above to claim 7, which now recites a “face gear” instead of a “low angle face gear.”

The final office action also indicates that claims 7-10 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 USC §§102 and 103. The ‘102 and ‘103 rejections will be addressed on appeal. A Notice of Appeal will be filed shortly after the filing of this amendment.

Entry of this amendment above is respectfully requested in order to reduce the number of issues for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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